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SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" May I know, Sir, whether sales tax is collected on the fish sold in the Government fish growing centres? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" This has got nothing to do with the present question. The hon. Member may put a separate question."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know, Sir, whether sales tax is levied on actual sales of fish or on the approximate value of the turnover fixed by the Commercial Tax Officer at some stage and whether the fishermen are expected to maintain accounts and also issue cash bills? If so, is it just and practicable? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, where there are accounts, sales tax is assessed accordingly. If there are no accounts, sales tax is assessed on the evidence that the Commercial Tax Officer is able to gather."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that fish is a very important food-stuff as far as the West Coast is concerned, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to consider whether he can exempt it from sales tax so that the poor people can get it much cheaper? "

THE HON. SRI S. B. P. PATTABHI RAMA RAO :—" Sir, in certain cases, where there is need, it has been exempted."

Travelling allowance drawn by the Hon. the Minister for Finance for the tour in Aruppukkottai area.

* 237 Q.—SRI S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether he drew travelling allowance for his recent tour in the Kovilpatti-Aruppukkottai area?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir."

Leasing of lands in Bapatla taluk.

* 238 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether any waste land in Bapatla village (Guntur district) formed out of the disreserved Bapatla Block III Survey Nos. 1280, 1281 and 1452 has been let on lease to Shri Desaraju Hanumantha Rao and two others for temporary cultivation;

(b) the extent of this land let on lease;

(c) the number of years for which it was let on lease;

(d) the date of expiry of contract entered into for cultivation of this land;

(e) whether the Government are aware of its not being cultivated by the lessees;

(f) whether the Government are aware of its being cultivated by some landless agricultural labourers of Chillaragollapalem, a hamlet included in the Municipality of Bapatla;

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(*g*) whether the Government had ever any representations from these landless agricultural labourers requesting for transfer of the lease from Sri Desaraju Hanumantharao and others, and if so, the extent of action taken thereon by the Government; and

(*h*) whether the Government had ever received any representations from these landless agricultural labourers of Chillaragollapalem requesting for the formation of a co-operative society and for attaching this land to it for cultivation, and if so, the extent of action taken by the Government in that regard?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) The lands in question have been leased out only to two persons, *viz.*, Sri Desaraju Hanumantharao and Sri K. Ponnaiah.

" (*b*)

Survey number.	Extent.
	ACS.
1280	43 80
1281	103·40
1452	4·70

" (*c*) There is no information on this.

" (*d*) The lease runs till 1954–55.

" (*e*) & (*f*) The lessees of the lands in question have not sub-let them.

" (*g*) & (*h*) A representation from the residents of Chillaragollapalem village, dated 27th June 1952, has been received by the Government. They are being informed that they may approach the Collector in 1954 regarding the lease of the lands and that they may address the Deputy Registrar of Co-operative Societies regarding the registration of their society."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government will give an assurance to this House that they will consider the formation of Land Colonization Co-operative Societies and assign such waste lands to such societies? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is a general question, Sir, and I think it is being done."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA :—Sir, as the lessee happens to be a lawyer with no agricultural bias at all and, as he has leased out the land to some others in the neighbourhood, will the Government consider the question of cancelling this lease as he has not fulfilled the terms of the lease? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, the much-abused lawyer has somehow got the lease. I think the question may be considered when the lease expires."